

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
February 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jeremy Oswald, Jeff Silbert, Dennis Pocernich Larry Fickbohm (4:05pm)

Others Present: Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Dan Clark -Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson- Emergency Management, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Michelle Anderson-Veteran's Office, Jen Osmak-Chile Support Services, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Oswald

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Silbert, 2nd by Pocernich to approve the January 20, 2020 minutes.*
Motion carried (4-0)

Child Support-Jen Osmak: Review of collections for 2019 (handout provided). Quick budget review for 2019. Revenues at 99% and expenses at 96%. Evacuation Policy Reviewed. There is an overall plan, but each department has their own plan for their department's own layout/resources. Jen will provide a budget review for 2019 at the March meeting.

Jen left at 4:15pm

Veterans Services-Michelle Anderson: Blue Water Navy claims began. We have 3 total which covers agent orange diseases from the Vietnam War. Prior to this, the only claims that could be processed were those who were on the ground/shore. Blue Water encompasses 12 nautical miles of the land.

New focus now is the Burn Pit exposure. Those who served from 1990-2001 in Southeast Asia, Afghan, Iraq, and Djibouti. Veterans to take exams to collect data so they can collect money. This is the new agent orange issue. Separate from oil well fires.

Budget for 2019: Revenues at 95% and Expenses at 90%.

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson: News release on addressing and use of 911 recently done. Important to know address in rural areas and keep your addressing signs clear. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team available for assistance. Peers working with peers (pamphlet handed out). Has been around for 25 years. Stress and the art of coping reviewed. Provided a handout of ideas to try to handle stress. Hazmat Awareness is March 2-8, 2020. There will be hazardous materials training.

Review of 2019 Budget during March's meeting.

Sheriff's Office

Review and discussion of current events in the Sheriff's Office. The Birkie is comping up this week. They will again have the ordinance disposal team out of Marathon County present. Filed the NG911 rant. T-CPR grant was awarded in 2019, but the money will be spent this year in training the CCO staff. We had

one fatal accident this weekend. There is an increase in property crimes at this time. Parker has been helpful and has provided support for other agencies.

There was a phone conference call regarding the jail construction held today. The wall has been built in the former Cpl.'s office to create an inmate changing room and storage room. A variance will be needed. The middle of March will begin phase 2 of this project, but this is dependent upon the doors being built.

Review of 2019 budget. Two resolutions reviewed to be on the County Board agenda. General discussion of the budget along with hiring for the jail and the starting wages of jailers. Provided a review of the structure of the jail staff: 2 Sgts., 3 Cpls. and Captain for ranked jailers. Suggesting moving the current Sgt. to a Lt. position. Discussion of keeping the 4 supervisors in the jail and just changing the rank system so that no positions are lost.

Motion to approve and support the proposal to create a Jail Lieutenant position by Silbert, 2nd by Fickbohm. Motion carried (4-0).

Other Committee Concerns: Review of Superior Days and discussion of mental health and transports. Discussion of proposed legislation for adding more beds in Eau Claire and juvenile treatment centers are also included in legislation proposals.

Future Agenda Items: The jail tour will be conducted in April to allow for any new committee members.

Next meeting date is April 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the EOC. Meeting adjourned at: 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 4/20/20 @ 4:00pm